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Met with John Swearingen, Senate Rules and Administration Committee staff, in connection with the Committee's jurisdiction under S. Res. 369 concerning the transfer of the Ervin Select Committee records to the Library of Congress and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee's control and access of use of such records. I pointed out the factors which bear on the separate treatment of the CIA material, including the 1 February 1974 written agreement with Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.), the vagueness on the issue of whether the Ervin Select Committee ever considered these were their records, the action of the Judiciary Committee in the House of returning essentially similar records to the Agency facility and if this is not possible, our storage recommendation that they be stored in the National Archives and not the Library of Congress, an opinion we believe is shared by the current custodian, Mr. George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and hopefully Senator Baker as well. I pointed out the extreme sensitivity of the material, especially names, and information bearing on intelligence sources and methods which are protected from disclosure by statute, and then characterized the holdings within the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy vault. I also suggested that the establishment of a Select Committee may well want access to this material and it would appear that it would be more convenient if it were retained in the Joint Committee vault.

In response to his query, I told Swearingen

that I was reluctant

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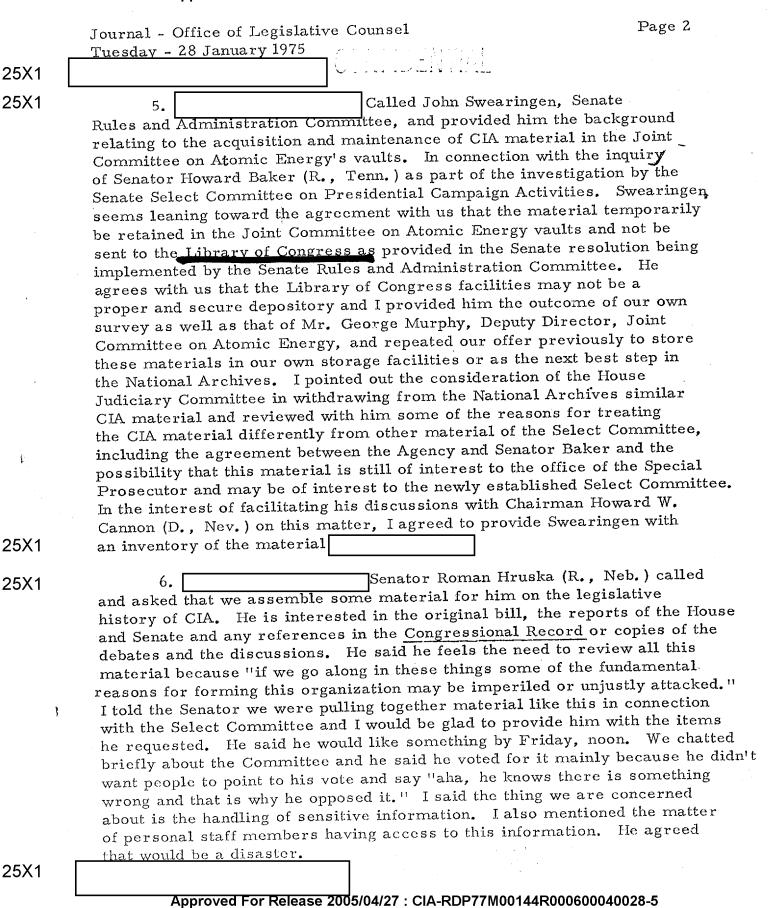
to leave with him, even in safe storage, the compilation I had with me (I did not review it with him in any detail), which consisted of the table of contents of all of the volumes we compiled for Senator Baker's inquiry and which is now in the Joint Committee vault, but offered to meet with him and Senator Howard Cannon on this if Swearingen felt that he would with be at a disadvantage in dealing with Senator Cannon on this subject without the material in hand. Swearingen is leaning towards recommending that the material remain in the Joint Committee vault and he does appear to appreciate our legitimate interest in controlling and limiting access to even the compilation of the table of contents because of the items revealed as well as the provocative name of some of the entries. He plans to schedule a session with Senator Cannon next week.

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Paul Simon's (D., III.) office requesting a copy of the People's Republic of China Atlas. I told them that GPO was planning another edition and that Rand McNally also offered it commercially. I was told they would get in touch with GPO.

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